

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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Antwane Cottman,

Case No. 21-cv-2393 (SRN/TNL)

Petitioner,

v.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Warden J. Fikes,

Respondent.

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This matter comes before the Court on Petitioner Antwane Cottman's petition for a writ of habeas corpus [ECF No. 1].

**IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED THAT**, to the extent that Cottman's petition includes a request for a preliminary injunction, that request be **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**. When considering a preliminary-injunction request, Eighth Circuit district courts consider the “*Dataphase* factors”: ““(1) the threat of irreparable harm to the movant; (2) the state of balance between this harm and the injury that granting the injunction will inflict on other parties litigant; (3) the probability that movant will succeed on the merits; and (4) the public interest.”” *Novus Franchising, Inc. v. Dawson*, 725 F.3d 885, 893 (8th Cir. 2013) (quoting *Dataphase Sys., Inc. v. CL Sys., Inc.*, 640 F.2d 109, 114 (8th Cir. 1981), and applying factors to preliminary-injunction request). Critically, the party seeking a preliminary injunction has the burden of showing such relief's propriety. *See, e.g., Lankford v. Sherman*, 451 F.3d 496, 503 (8th Cir. 2006) (citing *Watkins, Inc. v. Lewis*, 346 F.3d 841, 844 (8th Cir. 2003)). Cottman's brief discussion of preliminary-injunction relief contains

no direct discussion of the *Dataphase* factors, *see* ECF No. 1 at 1, so he has not met his burden of showing that a preliminary injunction is appropriate here.

Dated: December 6, 2021

s/ Tony N. Leung

Tony N. Leung  
United States Magistrate Judge  
District of Minnesota

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